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## News Release

### Mississippi September 2006 Soybean Production Forecast is 46.0 Million Bushels, Down 10 Percent from Last Month

The National Agricultural Statistics Service today forecast Mississippi **Soybean** production for 2006 at 46.0 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year and 10 percent below last month's forecast. Yield is forecast at 26 bushels per acre, down 11 bushels from last year. If realized, this would be the lowest yield in six years. Acres harvested are estimated at 1.77 million acres, up 11 percent from last year.

**Cotton** production as of September 1, 2006, is forecast at 2.00 million bales, down 7 percent from the previous year and 5 percent below a month ago. Yield per acre is forecast at 793 pounds, down 66 pounds from last year and 47 pounds below last month's forecast. Acres for harvest are estimated at 1.21 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

**Corn** for grain production is forecast at 28.5 million bushels, down 39 percent from 2005 and unchanged from last month's forecast. Yield per acre is forecast at 100 bushels, down 29 bushels per acre from last year. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 285,000 acres, down 22 percent from 2005.

Production of **Rice** is forecast at 13.0 million hundredweight, down 23 percent from 2005, but up 1 percent from last month's forecast. The yield per acre is forecast at 6,900 pounds, up 500 pounds from last year. If realized, this would equal the record high yield set in 2004. Acres for harvest are estimated at 189,000 acres, down 28 percent from last year - the lowest acreage level since 1985 when 188,000 acres were harvested.

**Peanut** production is forecast at 45.0 million pounds, up slightly from last year and seven percent above a month ago. Yield is forecast at 3,000 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds per acre from 2005. Acreage harvested for 2006 is estimated at 15,000 acres, up 1,000 acres from the previous year.

In the United States, forecasts of production and yield per acre of selected crops and their comparison to the previous year are as follows: **Corn** - production of 11.1 billion bushels, up fractionally from 2005; yield per acre of 154.7 bushels, up 6.8 bushels. **Soybeans** - production of 3.09 billion bushels, up slightly from last year; yield of 41.8 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels. **All Cotton** - production of 20.3 million bales, down 15 percent from last year's record high; yield of 762 pounds per acre, down 69 pounds. **Rice** - production of 193 million hundredweight, down 13 percent; yield of 6,846 pounds per acre, up 210 pounds. **Peanuts** - production of 3.20 billion pounds, down 34 percent; yield of 2,640 pounds per acre, down 320 pounds.

### Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production, Mississippi and United States, September 1, 2006

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Crop	Unit	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		Harvested 2005	For Harvest 2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
1,000 Acres				1,000 Units			
<b>Mississippi</b>							
Soybeans	bu	1,590	1,770	37.0	26.0	58,830	46,020
All Cotton <sup>1</sup>	bales	1,200.0	1,210.0	859.0	793.0	2,147.0	2,000.0
All Rice <sup>1</sup>	cwt	263	189	6,400	6,900 *	16,832	13,041
Peanuts	lb	14	15	3,200	3,000	44,800	45,000
Corn, Grain	bu	365	285	129	100	47,085	28,500
<b>United States</b>							
Soybeans	bu	71,361	73,935	43.3	41.8	3,086,432	3,092,970
All Cotton <sup>1</sup>	bales	13,802.6	12,816.0	831	762	23,890.2 *	20,345.0
All Rice <sup>1</sup>	cwt	3,364	2,823	6,636	6,846	223,235	193,253
Peanuts	lb	1,657	1,242	2,960	2,640	4,821,250	3,202,600
Corn, Grain	bu	75,107	71,841	147.9	154.7	11,112,072	11,113,766

\* Record high.

<sup>1</sup> Yield in pounds per acre.